

**Proposed Recommendations –
Subcommittee on Mentally Ill Residents of Adult Care Facilities**

The Subcommittee on Mentally Ill Residents in Adult Care Facilities recommends that the Commission on Aging and the Legislative Oversight Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services recommend that the General Assembly:

1. Enact legislation to increase the stock of current housing options available to North Carolinians with mental illness (including independent living units, supported housing units and group homes) and support the development of new options for housing for North Carolinians with mental illness that are appropriate for and meet their needs.
2. Support the development of a "Transitional Residential Treatment Program" to provide 24-hour residential treatment and rehabilitation for adults who have a pattern of difficult behaviors, related to mental illness, which exceed the capabilities of traditional community residential settings.
3. Authorize the Commission on Aging and the Legislative Oversight Committee on MH/DD/SAS to explore whether there is a need for the General Assembly to enact statutes to govern facilities providing housing in one location to both adults with mental illness and adults without mental illness.
4. Support ongoing efforts to develop of a Uniform Screening Tool which would include the requirement to notify Local Management Entities (LMEs) of the mental illness status of any individual admitted to any facility within the LME's catchment area.
5. Authorize funds to provide a total of 2,000 slots for use by adults through the State/County Special Assistance In-Home Program for Adults.